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TO: All Interested Parties

**TOPIC: PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION GOVERNING THE STATEWIDE
PORTABLE EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) invites you to participate in a public consultation meeting to discuss and provide input on proposed amendments to ARB's Statewide Portable Equipment Registration Regulation (PERP Regulation). The public consultation meeting will be held at the time and location shown below:

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2006
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Training Room 1
1001 I Street, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) is authorized by the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) sections 41750 through 41755 to adopt a regulation to establish a uniform statewide program for the registration and regulation of portable engines. In response to the legislation, the Board adopted on March 27, 1997 the PERP Regulation. The Board approved amendments to the PERP Regulation on December 11, 1998 and February 26, 2004.

At the February 2004 meeting, the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) raised a number of concerns and the Board directed staff to continue to work with CAPCOA and affected industry to resolve these issues. CAPCOA, in consultation with a number of affected industries, developed suggested amendments to the PERP Regulation. The suggested amendments include recommendations for district inspection fees, notification requirements, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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In December 2005, staff conducted a public consultation meeting to discuss the suggested amendments from CAPCOA, and to solicit public input. The purpose of this second public consultation meeting is to provide an opportunity for additional public input and comment and to discuss proposed amendments addressing issues raised in the December meeting.

Please check the program website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/portable-engines> for updates, including the meeting presentation, draft regulatory language and other related documents. Updates on public outreach and the release of the draft regulatory language will be sent out via our electronic list serve. To subscribe, please enroll at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/peatcm.htm>.

As a result of ARB's continuing effort to increase accessibility and public participation, the public consultation meeting will also be available via audio-conference. The call-in information will be made available on the program website prior to the beginning of the meeting.

If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact the meeting coordinator, Ms. Merrin Bueto, at (916) 327-5598 or via email at mbueto@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

If you have questions about the public consultation meeting or future activities, please contact the meeting coordinator listed above.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Tollstrup, Chief
Project Assessment Branch

cc: Merrin Bueto
Regulatory Assistance Section